



Executive Summary COVID-19 Response March 20, 2020 (1600 EST)

SEOC Activation Status: Full
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March 11, 2020 (0730 EST)

Community Lifeline Status



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Safety and Security	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Division of Fire Safety (DFS) guidance for Basic Fire Safety Measures for Building Use During COVID-19 Response distributed today. DFS guidance on fire department operations will be out by 3/22. All State and County court buildings are closed to the public with restricted access in emergent cases. Vermont State Police looking into potential PPE needs for troopers and other law enforcement personnel. The US State Department on Thursday warned American citizens not to travel abroad due to coronavirus pandemic, issuing its highest level travel alert. The U.S./Canadian and U.S./Mexico borders are closed to non-essential travel.
Food, Water, Sheltering	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued work goes into support options for homeless/hyper vulnerable populations. Yesterday, the Department of Corrections put a pandemic plan in place. Agency of Commerce & Community Development resolved concerns from the Grocers' Association about WIC/SNAP requirements, and is working on truck weight limits and essential business designations. Affordable Housing Organizations are requesting that their staff be consider essential staff for childcare, as they need staff to maintain housing for vulnerable persons.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The economic impact to small farmers and producers could be severe with the closing of restaurants and establishments. The Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets (VAAF) is working with farmers and producers on impact. Continued planning for continuity of operations for public water supplies and municipal wastewater treatment facilities, to include staffing considerations.
Other Lifelines	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Human Resources signed an agreement with the Vermont State Employees' Association, Inc. (VSEA) and the Vermont Troopers' Association (VTA) to provide paid leave to employees unable to work for reasons arising from COVID-19. A FAQ for employees will be published today. A Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration was granted statewide. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development will spread word to the business community. The Agency of Transportation closed all Rest Area Facilities in the state. Unemployment Insurance has published a website for claim filing online for affected employees

Incident Summary	A novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) was first detected in China at the end of 2019. It has now spread to more than 100 locations internationally, including the United States. The disease the virus causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").
Key Information	<p>Current status in Vermont, last updated by the Health Department at 1400 on 3/20/20: Positive test results: 29 Total tests conducted: 808 Deaths: 2 People being monitored: 264 People who have completed monitoring: 288</p> <p>Key Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the evening of 3/19/20, the first 2 Vermont deaths from COVID-19 were announced. On 3/20/20, the State Emergency Operations Center hosted the second weekly call with local government to share information and address inquiries. New York and California issued statewide shelter-in-place orders on 3/20/20 and 3/19/20, respectively. Governor Phil Scott has ordered the dismissal of all schools in Vermont and the cancellation of all school-related activities tentatively through 4/6/20. Guidance was released on 3/17/20 ordering the implementation of a child care system for personnel essential to COVID-19 response. Clarifications are being made to coordinate this effort. Request for federal resources submitted to FEMA to support Health Operation Center (HOC) staffing. <p>Ongoing Executive Order Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov. Phil Scott has limited public gatherings to either 50 people or 50% occupancy, whichever is less. Gov. Phil Scott has prohibited the on-premises consumption of food or drink at any bar, restaurant, or establishment. Such businesses can still offer food and alcohol for take-out or delivery. This prohibition has a tentative end date of 4/6/20. Gov. Phil Scott ordered long term care facilities and hospitals to develop policies to limit visitation to reduce facility-based transmission. Gov. Phil Scott issued an order for hospitals to postpone elective surgeries. <p>Gubernatorial State of Emergency: Yes, announced 3/13/20 Local State of Emergency: Burlington, Colchester Federal Disaster Declaration: Issued 3/13/20 Local EOCs Activated (self reported): Burlington, Waitsfield, Johnson, Hartford, Chittenden (town)</p>

Health and Medical	Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the face of limited supplies, testing is being prioritized to hospitalized patients, those in long-term care facilities, and healthcare workers. University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMCMC) is providing testing support to the Health Operations Center (HOC). All 17 hospitals are active in response; 15 have their EOCs open. Elective surgeries and procedures are postponed, per the governor's order. 8 hospitals are discussing drive up testing plans. UVMCMC is set up for testing at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex. The Strategic National Stockpile PPE warehouse is assisted with transportation of PPE by the Agency of Transportation and with staffing (starting Monday) by the National Guard. A human services branch is being developed and will integrate into the SEOC. Objectives are to identify human services issues surrounding homelessness, DCF youth, mental health, and staff shortages agency-wide. Let's Grow Kids is collecting information on childcare needs of Essential Persons through a web form and 211.
	Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEOC continues to source staff to support the HOC through EMAC requests for HOC staff and tele-medicine personnel. Vermont National Guard personnel being activated: x2 personnel activating for medical overflow planning. x5 activating Sunday to assist Vermont Department of Health (VDH) Strategic National Stockpile Task Force. Vermont National Guard sourcing unit on a warning order for up to 25 soldiers to come on in support of a medical surge facility set-up plan. There are resources shortages amongst first responders as protective measures increase. Multiple hospitals are anticipating staff shortages in the next coming weeks – school closures are the most recent stressor. Long-term Call Center being worked by SEOC for stand-up 48 hours from demand by HOC.